1978 SPRING BLACK BEAR SEASON

By order of the Montana Fish and Game Commission, all hunting districts of the 200, 300, 400, and 500 series shall be open to the hunting of black bear to resident black bear license holders and nonresidents who possess the general black bear license from April 1, 1978, through the closing date of the deer and elk season in each hunting district, but no later than November 26, 1978; except hunting districts 427 and 428, which will open April 1, 1978, and close no later than October 29, 1978. All hunting districts of the 100 series shall be open to the hunting of black bear from April 15, through May 31, 1978, and reopen on September 9 and run through November 26, 1978. Nonresident $35 spring black bear licenses are valid from April 1, 1978, through August 31, 1978, except in the hunting districts of the 100 series where nonresident $35 spring black bear licenses are valid April 15 through May 31, 1978. The following regulations shall apply:

The Sun River, Beartooth, Judith, and Ear Mountain Game Ranges shall not open to bear hunting until May 15, 1978.

Shooting hours shall be one-half (½) hour before sunrise until one-half (½) hour after sunset each day. The bag limit shall be one bear per person per license year. Cub bears or female bears with cubs may not be taken. Cubs are defined as young of the year. The tag for brown or black bear must be attached to the hide.

The following described areas will be closed to the hunting of black bear:

1. All State Game Preserves.

2. (Gallatin Closed Area) That portion of Gallatin County lying within the following described boundary: Beginning at Daly Pass on the Yellowstone National Park boundary, thence in a northwesterly direction following the horse trail to the headwaters of the South Fork of Buffalo Horn Creek, thence down the South Fork of Buffalo Horn Creek to the main Buffalo Horn Creek, thence down the main Buffalo Horn Creek to the West Gallatin River, thence up the West Gallatin River to the mouth of Sage Creek, thence up Sage Creek to the confluence of Big Sage and Little Sage Creeks, thence southerly along the divide between Big and Little Sage Creeks to Sage Mountain, thence in an easterly direction along the Madison-Gallatin Divide to the boundary of Yellowstone National Park, thence in a north and easterly direction along the Yellowstone National Park boundary to Daly Pass, the point of beginning.

3. Boulder River Closure. The following described areas shall be closed to bear hunting July 1, 1978, through August 31, 1978.

   One-half mile either side of main Boulder River Road and one-half mile north and one-half mile south of the Clydehurst Christian Ranch located in Sections 25 and 26, Township 4 South, Range 12 East, Sweet Grass County.

   One-half mile either side of main Boulder River Road and one-half mile north and one-half mile south of the Hell's Canyon Ranch located in Section 23, Township 5 South, Range 12 East, Sweet Grass County.

   One-half mile either side of main Boulder River Road and one-half mile north and one-half mile south of the Mimanogish Camp located in Section 26, Township 5 South, Range 12 East, Sweet Grass County.

   One-half mile either side of main Boulder River Road and one-half mile north and one-half mile south of the Lazy Day Ranch located in Section 21, Township 6 South, Range 12 East, Park County.

The above areas are located on the main Boulder River south of Big Timber and will be posted.

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